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ALEXANDER FAMILY.

(*Continued from Vol. IX., p. 252.*)

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS.

7 John[4] Alexander[4] (Robert[3], Robert[2], John[1]) married Susannah, daughter of *Simon* Pearson (not *Thomas* Pearson). See Note 1, *Pearson Family*. The list of his children is incorrectly given. They were (1) Charles Alexander, (2) John, (3) Susanna, married her first cousin Pearson Chapman; (4) Simon, (5) Elizabeth, (6) Ann (eldest daughter), wife of Charles Binns, and had eight children, viz.: John Alexander Binns, Charles, Thomas, Simon Alexander, William Alexander, Susanna Pearson, married Alexander Waugh, Ann Alexander, married W. H. Harding, Elizabeth Alexander. (7) Robert, (8) Thomas Pearson Alexander, (9) William Pearson Alexander. (See John Alexander's will at Manassas.)

32 Gerard[5] Alexander (Gerard[4], Robert[3], Robert[2], John[1]) was not the Gerard whose marriage and children are given in the last paragraph of the ALEXANDER FAMILY, p. 254. This last was his son. According to Mrs. Calvin Perkins, of Memphis, Tenn., who has given much study to the family history, 32 Gerard[5] Alexander married Jane Ashton. She thinks that she was a daughter of Henry Ashton and Jane Alexander, daughter of Col. Philip and Sarah Hooe Alexander. But as Jane Alexander was not married to Henry Ashton till 1748, it is more probable that Gerard Alexander's wife was Jane Alexander, widow of Henry Ashton. They had issue, it is believed, (1) Gerard, who married Elizabeth Ashton Alexander; (2) Dr. Ashton Alexander, (3) Elizabeth, married Thomas Lee, of Parke Gate; (4) Mary Dent, married Griffin Stith, of Brunswick, second, William Black, of Chesterfield; (5) Sarah, married Needham Washington; (6) Jane, married, first, Otho Callais, second, Traphegan; (7) Sidney, died single.

Of these Gerard[6] Alexander (Gerard[5], Gerard[4], Robert[3], Robert[2], John[1]), married Elizabeth Ashton, daughter of Col. William Alexander, of "Effingham," in Prince William county, a descendant of Philip Alexander, second son of the emigrant. Their descendants will be given in another place.

30 Philip[5] Alexander (Gerard[4], Robert[3], Robert[2], John[1]) had four sons as given—Philip, George, Gerard and Austin. His

wife was probably a Washington. George was a surgeon in the Revolutionary war, and died unmarried. (Letter of Miss Fanny B. Hunter.)

34 Walter Stoddert Alexander, married Catherine F. Dade, daughter of Baldwin Dade and Catherine West. The late Mr. Columbus Alexander was their son, and his sons reside in Washington. (Miss Fanny B. Hunter.)

One of the daughters of 12 Charles[5] Alexander, Susannah Pearson, who married her cousin George Chapman, was omitted in the list given on page 253. Note 2, *Chapman.*

In Brunswick county lived Col. Robert Alexander, a man of very large estate. He died in 1784, when, as shown by the records, there was a suit between Martha Alexander, his widow, Sarah Alexander by James Baugh, her guardian, John Alexander, by Amasa Palmer, his guardian, and William Alexder and Nancy Jones Alexander by Martha Alexander, their guardian (which said Sarah, John, William and Nancy Jones Alexander were children of Col. Robert Alexander) *versus* Robert Alexander, eldest son and heir-at-law of Robert Alexander, Esq., deceased. Martha Alexander, Richard Jones and Henry Walker were administrators of Col. Robert Alexander, deceased.

In the same county lived Mark Alexander, who married Lucy Bugg in May, 1789, and is ancestor of Judge Alexander, of Brunswick.

NOTE 1.—*Pearson Family.* The origin of the Pearsons and Wests as given by Mr. Hayden seems to be erroneous. Instead of coming from Pennsylvania they were resident in Virginia long before William Penn settled Pennsylvania. In a grant to Richard Cocke, of Henrico, Thomas Person appears as an emigrant as early as 1639. In the *Bland Pedigree* Thomas Pierson, of Wisbeach, in the Isle of Ely, Gent., married Susanna Bland, born about 1617, sister of Theodorick Bland, of Westover. It is suggestive that in 1692 Theodorick Bland, his nephew, was surveyor of Stafford county, where the Pearsons and Wests also settled. The name Susannah persevered among the Pearsons as a family name. In the records of the Northern Neck there is in 1698 a grant to Susannah West, widow of John West, deceased, for land, with remainder to her son, John West, who is stated to be "the eldest son" of said John West, deceased. The land was given to said John West, deceased, by the will of Richard Cocke, of Northumberland county. There is a grant in 1703 to John West, Sr., of Stafford county, and in 1706 one for 4,639 acres in Stafford county to John West, William Harrison, Thomas Pearson, and Thomas Harrison. The line of the Pearsons seems to run Thomas Pearson[1] of the Isle of Ely, and Susannah Bland, his wife, had

issue Thomas[2] Pearson, who had Thomas[3], who had Simon[4] Pearson, who married twice, and had issue by his first wife the following children, named in his will, dated December 7, 1731, and proved November 16, 1733, viz.: (1) Constantia, born about 1714, will dated September 18, 1774, proved 21 February, 1791, married Nathaniel Chapman, of Maryland. (2) Susanna, born December 29, 1717, married John Alexander December 11, 1734, died October 6, 1788. (3) Thomas; will dated December 4, 1743, proved May 18, 1744; names daughter Margaret Pearson, wife and "other children." (4) Margaret, born March 5, 1720, married January 27, 1735, William Henry Terrett, second, John West (Terrett Bible). Her will dated December 2, 1796, proved January 10, 1798. The second wife of Simon Pearson, Hannah Pearson, survived him. She was the daughter of Joseph Ball, who married in 1696 Raleigh Travers. Her will, proved in Stafford county 1748, names her three children, Raleigh Travers, Eliza Cooke and Sarah Daniel, son-in-law Peter Daniel, and grandchildren, Travers Cooke, Hannah Cooke, Hannah Daniel, Elizabeth Travers Daniel.

West Family.—November 8, 1704, the following letter of John West to Col. George Mason was ordered to be recorded by Stafford Court: "I thought to come to court, but my son Pearson, seeing great signs of Indians, and the inhabitants in great fear of them, that I cannot come. If I come, I leave but one man at home, therefore would desire that the court would let my business be till the next court. By that time hope it will be ————, as not else at present from him that is, Sir, yr humble servant to command, Jno. West." The line probably runs as follows: John[1] West, of Northumberland county, had John[2] West, who married ——— Pearson, daughter of Thomas Pearson, had issue (1) Pearson[3] West, (2) *Hugh*[3] *West*, (3) *John*[3] *West*. Hugh[3] West made his will in Loudoun county February, 1754 (proved November 21, 1754), and named his children (1) *John*[4], (2) *Hugh*[4], (3) *George*[4], (4) Rev. William[4], (5) Sybil[4]. Of these John[4] West, known as Capt. John West, Jr., of Fairfax county, married before 1755 Catherine, daughter of Major Thomas Colville by Mary Foster. Colville was the brother of Col. John Colville, of Fairfax, first cousin of Camilla Colville, who married Henry Bennett, Earl of Tankerville (see Pedigree in *Æliana Archæologia* of the Society of Antiquaries of New Castle-upon-Tyne, Vol. XIX, and QUARTERLY, VI., p. 62). Capt. West made his will April 26, 1775, and it was proved February 18, 1777. It names children Thomas, John, Hugh, Catherine, married Baldwin Dade (Hayden, p. 733), Frances and Sarah; George West and Rev. William West, his brothers, and son Thomas, exors.

Hugh[4] West (brother of Capt. John West, Jr.) "attorney-at-law," made his will in Fairfax county, and it was proved June 18, 1767; names wife Elizabeth and children (1) Sybil, (2) Jemima, (3) Sarah; had lots in Alexandria, and makes brothers, John, George and William West executors. George[4] West, another son of Hugh[2] West, married Ann Fowke, daughter of Townshend Dade and Parthenia Alexander (daughter of Robert Alexander and George West). His will was proved in Fairfax April 18, 1786, and mentions first wife Anne Fowke Dade, and

second wife Penelope Payne, but no children; names his nephew George William West, and nieces Catherine and Sarah, daughters of brother John; names brothers John, Hugh and Rev. William West. Rev. William[3] West was a distinguished minister of the Episcopal Church (see sketch in Appleton's *Cyclopedia of Biography.*)

Major John[3] West, son of John[2] West and Miss Pearson, made his will March 7, 1776, and it was proved August 18, 1777. He married Margaret Pearson, daughter of Simon Pearson, and widow of William Henry Terrett (will proved May 16, 1758). Issue, (1) Ann, married Daniel Talbot (and had John, Monica and Elizabeth Talbot). (2) Hannah, married John Ashton; (3) Mary, married Richard Conway; (4) Elizabeth[3], (5) *Roger*[4]. Col. Roger[4] West married, first, Nancy, daughter of Allen Macrae. (For descendants, see *Hayden*, p. 342.) In QUARTERLY, Vol. VIII., p. 75, the descent of Prof. H. A. Washington, of William and Mary College, is traced from John and Margaret West through their daughter Hannah, who married John Ashton (No. 16 in Ashton Pedigree, QUARTERLY, VII., p. 116). In the Bland Pedigree John Bland, of Scarborough, Yorkshire, son of Theodorick Bland, of Virginia, married Ann West, of Muston, in Yorkshire.

NOTE 2.—*Chapman Family.* The inventory of "Nathaniel Chapman, Gent., late of Charles county, in the Province of Maryland," was taken, 14 April, 1761, by James Tebbs, Thomas Thornton and Benjamin Tyler, in Loudoun county. Dower allotted to his widow Constant Chapman. Her will as "of Charles county, Md., widow of Nathaniel Chapman," was proved in Fairfax February 21, 1791, but dated September 18, 1774; it names son George and grandchildren John Weems, H. C. Weems, Jas. Wm. Lock Weems and Sarah Louisa Weems; Sally Harrison, daughter of Robert Hanson Harrison. (For a full account, see *Richmond Standard, Alexander Family*, May 7, 1881. For arms of Pearson and Chapman, QUARTERLY, IV., p. 164.)

(*To be Continued.*)

HISTORICAL NOTES AND QUERIES.

JAMESTOWN.—TERCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. September 7, 1900, the citizens of Williamsburg decided to appoint a committee to urge upon the country the plan of a national celebration at Jamestown on May 13, 1907. October 5, 1900, the committee was named as follows: Lyon G. Tyler, chairman; W. T. Roberts, B. D. Peachy, Prof. T. J. Stubbs, H. D. Cole, J. B. C. Spencer, John S. Charles. On October 15, 1900, the chairman brought the subject to the attention of the Tidewater Commercial League, who gave it their unanimous endorsement. The committee next interested Hon. D. Gardiner Tyler, representing